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1. Since the flight of several Polish pilots and passengers in December 1949, the Polish State Airlines (LOT) has taken action to make similar escapes from Poland by air almost impossible. Only nine chief pilots have been allowed to retain their permits to fly outside Poland. Each plane must report its position once a minute. Direction finder stations take frequent bearings on aircraft and if they deviate from their set course fighters stationed at the borders are immediately alerted. Pilots and crew members are required to report to airport headquarters before the departure of each aircraft. Crews are assigned to a flight immediately before take-off time, so that no one knows his destination in advance nor who his fellow pilots or crew members will be.
2. LOT is engaging many young new pilots, some of whom have had only thirty hours of flying time. The older pilots will probably be discharged as the younger ones become more experienced.
3. Since the end of the war LOT has bought five IL-12s from the Soviet Union, of which three have been sent back for changes. Czechoslovakia has also returned some IL-12s to the Soviet Union.

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